

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3 – HB 971

March 10, 2020

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the *Fair Maps Act* by establishing that a redistricting plan is required to comply with the United States Constitution, Tennessee Constitution, *Voting Rights Act of 1965*, maintain practicable communities of interest, and maintain contiguous and compact districts. Unless to comply with federal or state standards, prohibits a redistricting plan from considering the residence location of a U.S. Congress or state General Assembly member, or the political party affiliation of a district.

Requires, at least 30 days prior to taking action on a redistricting plan, the General Assembly to publish the plan, including proposed maps and any reports, on its website for public review and comment.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- It is assumed that any redistricting plan passed by the General Assembly will comply with the U.S. Constitution, Tennessee Constitution, and any applicable voting laws.
- The General Assembly can post any redistricting information on its website through use of existing staff, requiring no additional state expense.
- It is assumed that any period of public comment required under this legislation can be accommodated through use of existing General Assembly staff at no additional state expense.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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